

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G.#70-26

Building date: 1893

Building Name: Van Horn House

Location: 10911 Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale, MD

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Van Horn house is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable house, ca. 25' by 35'. The principal facade faces north; the north gable end has a projecting semi-octagonal three-window bay on the first story. Entrance is in the first bay of the west leg, in the corner of the ell; in the second bay of this west leg is a set of 4/4 double windows. This side is sheltered by a one-story porch with chamfered bracketed posts. The west gable end, like the north, has a projecting semi-octagonal bay. Window lintels have cyma reversa moldings. All gable ends have boxed returned cornices. The foundations are brick, and the siding is German. Interior plan consists of central stairhall, with large parlor on the east and small parlor on the west. To the south (rear) is a third parlor which leads into a small (12' by 12') kitchen, which rests on foundations of local iron-bearing stone.

Significance:

The Van Horn house is the single surviving Victorian residential building in the community of Glenn Dale. It was built ca. 1893 for Dianthia and Newell Stevens in the Glenn Dale subdivision which had developed around the station on the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. In 1920 this house was purchased by the Van Horn family, and was the home until his death in 1972 of Judge R. Lee Van Horn, two-term member of the Maryland Legislature and Master for Juvenile Cases of the Prince George's County Court. Although the Van Horns undertook several alterations in the house during their long residence, the house still retains its Victorian appearance, and is a visible reminder of the early days of the Glenn Dale community.

Acreage: 2.73 acres.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Stevens houseand/or common Van Horn house

### 2. Location

street & number 10911 Prospect Hill Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Glenn Dale ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Cunninghamstreet & number 10911 Prospect Hill Road telephone no.: 262-7638city, town Glenn Dale state and zip code MD 20769

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4377street & number Main Street folio 219city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. County Inventory of Historic Sitesdate 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ localpository for survey records History Division MNCPPCcity, town Riverdale state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#70-26

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Van Horn house is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable house, ca. 25' by 35'. The principal facade faces north: the north gable end has a projecting semi-octagonal three-window bay on the first story, with double 4/4 windows at second story, and a 4-section lunette window at loft level above. Entrance is in the first bay of the west leg, in the corner of the ell; in the second bay is another set of double 4/4 windows. Both are sheltered by a one-story porch with chamfered bracketed posts. This north door has two-pane transom and single-pane sidelights; above it there was once another door,<sup>1</sup> the lower part of which has been blocked, leaving a 6-pane window to light the upstairs hall. The west gable end (like the north) has a projecting semi-octagonal bay, with double window above it at second story level. Gable ends have boxed returned cornices. Window lintels have cyma reversa moldings. There are no shutters.

The foundations are of brick, the siding is German in style, painted white, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle.

The interior plan consists of a central stair hall, with large parlor on the east, and a smaller parlor on the west. Each parlor has an interior fireplace backing onto the central hall; these fireplaces are served by two asymmetrically located corbelled chimneys - the westerly at the ridge, and the easterly on the north slope of the roof. The west parlor mantel is of multi-banded marble; the larger east parlor mantel is of ornately carved wood. Door and window surrounds feature four-band ovolo moldings separated by wide fasciae; there are no corner blocks. The central stairhall leads to a third parlor (dining room) on the south which was heated by a stove. Both this south parlor and the large east parlor led out to a two-story south-east porch which is now enclosed. Directly south of the rear (dining room) parlor is a small kitchen which rests on foundations of local iron-bearing stone.

### Notes

1. Photograph of house, ca. 1912, shows door over north porch, and jig-sawn balustrade. Early paint color was mustard yellow, with dark green shutters and trim.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. PG#70-26

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Van Horn house is the single surviving Victorian residential building in the community of Glenn Dale. It was built ca. 1893 for Dianthia and Newell Stevens on two adjoining lots in the new subdivision of Glenn Dale. This community was planned and laid out by Edmund B. DuVal of Marietta, among others, in the early 1870's after the lateral line (to Washington) of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was built. Glenn Dale became a desirable residential community with church (St. George's Chapel was built in 1873), school, station, stores and post office within easy reach of the city of Washington.<sup>1</sup> In 1892 Dianthia Stevens purchased from Gabriel DuVal, son and executor of E.B. DuVal lots 3 and 4 in Block 6 on the south side of the railroad tracks, and within year had constructed a handsome frame dwelling (assessed at \$2000, substantial for that period), probably incorporating (for the kitchen) the stone foundations of one of E.B. DuVal's former functional buildings.<sup>2</sup>

The house changed hands several times in the early twentieth century, but in 1920 was purchased by Annie and Robert Van Horn, and remained in the possession of their family for more than 50 years. It became the home of their son, Judge R. Lee Van Horn, two-term member of the Maryland Legislature and Master for Juvenile Cases of the Prince George's County Court.<sup>3</sup>

Although the Van Horns undertook several alterations in the house during their long residence (e.g., enclosing the southeast porch, blocking the second story north door, etc.), the house still retains its Victorian appearance, and is a visible reminder of the early days of the Glenn Dale community.

### Notes

1. P.G. Co. Deed HB#6:72; P.G.Co. Plat JWB#6:209; Hopkins map, 1894.
2. P.G.Co. Deed JWB#22:643; P.G.Co. Tax Assessments, 1890's. Hopkins map, 1894.
3. P.G.Co. Deed #148:475; R. Lee Van Horn, Out of the Past, 1976.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#70-26

P.G.Co. Deeds JWB#22:643; JB#2:306; #55:310; #79:228; #84:72; #80:589: #623:398,401;  
#4377:219; Plat JWB#6:209. P.G.Co. Tax Assessments 1890's. Census 1900.  
Hopkins map of P.G. Co. 1878, 1894. Interview with owners, September 1984.  
R.Lee Van Horn, Out of the Past, 1976.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.73 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, research historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date September 1984street & number County Planning, MNCPPC telephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro state MD

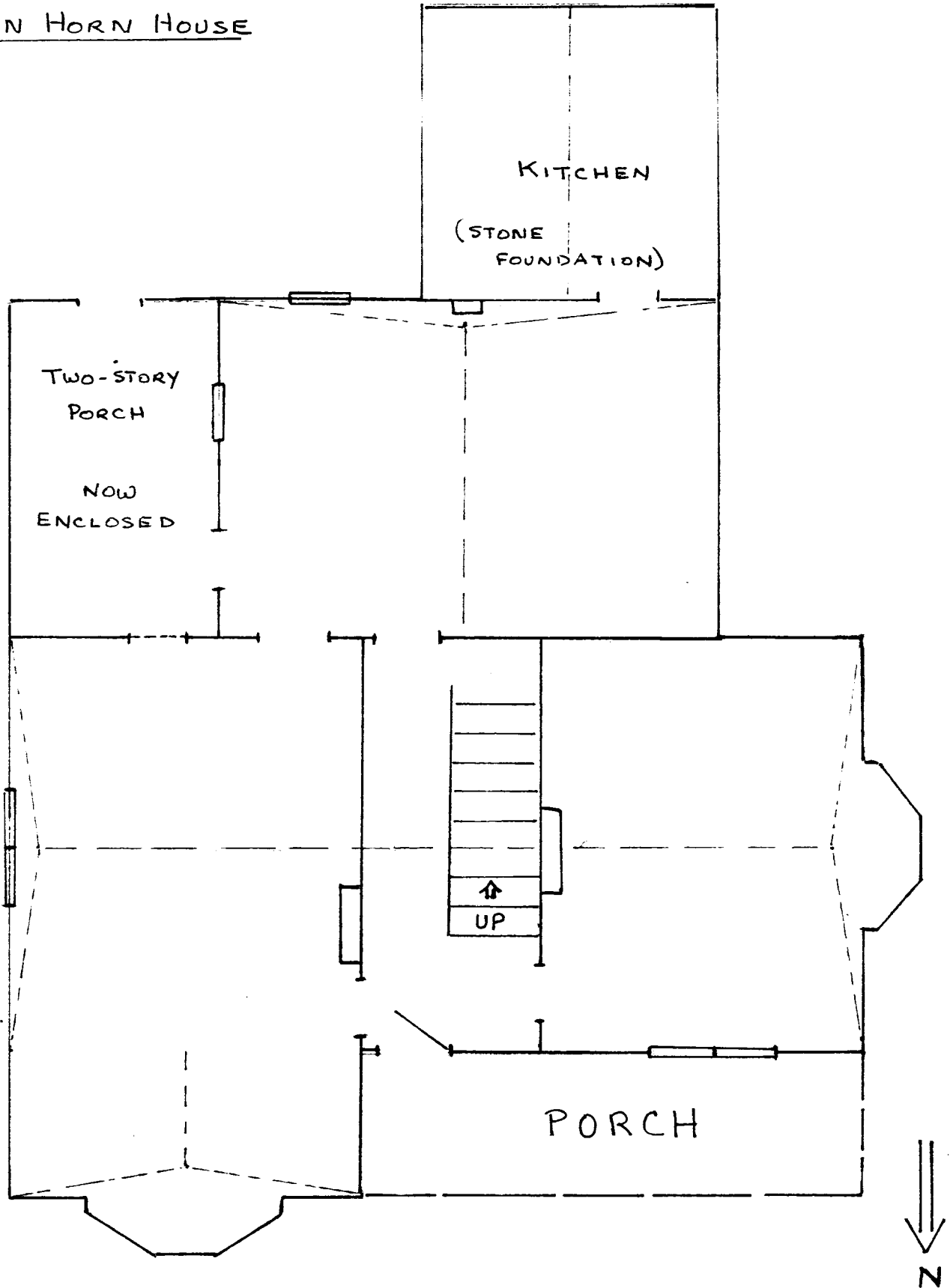
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

P.G. # 70-26

VAN HORN HOUSE



1" = 6' (Not exactly to scale)

sgp  
9/84

Chain of Title

Van Horn House  
P.G. #70-26

#4377:219  
11 June 1974  
Deed

Elizabeth P. Van Horn (by Parker Van Horn, attorney), survivor of R. Lee Van Horn (deceased, 18 Dec. 1972) to Fred and Trudy Cunningham; residue of Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, same property which grantors acquired by #623:401, 2.726 acres.

#623:401  
19 Dec 1940  
Deed

Hervey Machen to R. Lee and Elizabeth Van Horn; same property described in #623:398, which Annie Van Horn acquired by #148:475: (1) tract known as "Recovery," 4.8 acres; (2) lots 3 and 4, 5 and 11 of Block 6, as shown on Martenet plat, JWB #6:209.

#623:398  
23 Nov 1940  
Deed

R. Lee and Elizabeth Van Horn, Edna V. and William T. Perkins, Marie V. and Walter Rau, and Grace V. and Herb Gardner, to Hervey Machen; all property which Annie Van Horn acquired by #148:475; Annie Van Horn died 30 October 1935 leaving children R. Lee, Edna, Marie and Grace.

#148:475  
21 Feb 1920  
Deed

A. Gilmer Swanson to Annie J. Van Horn, "Recovery" .4.8 acres; Block 6, Lots 4, 5, etc., Glenn Dale.

#124:483  
30 June 1917  
Deed

Nancy K. Hunter of St. John's Co., Florida, to A. Gilmer Swanson; same land (including Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale) which grantor acquired by preceding deed.

#124:482  
30 June 1917  
Deed

Katherine Swanson et vir to Nancy K. Hunter; same property (including Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale) which grantors acquired by #80:589.

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#80:589  
31 Dec 1913  
Deed

Maud and Philip Warren to Katherine Swanson, same property which grantors acquired by #84:72, including Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Glenn Dale.

#84:72  
20 Sept 1912  
Deed

Charles A. and Ada Rhodes to Maud Warren; same property including Lots 3 and 4 Block 6, Glenn Dale, which Dianthia Stevens acquired from DuVal.

#79:228  
1 May 1912  
Deed

William and Rebecca Moses to Charles A. Rhodes; "Recovery" and Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale, which grantors acquired by #55:310.

#55:310  
27 Nov 1909  
Deed

S. Edgar Mahan et ux Florence, trustees under will of Sarah Mahan, deceased, to William Moses; same land, including Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale, which Sarah Mahan acquired by JWB #2:306, (incorrect - should be JB #2:306).

JB #2:306  
1 Apr 1898  
Deed

Dianthia K. and Newell H. Stevens to Sarah Mahan, wife of James B. Mahan of D.C.; "Recovery" 4.8 acres, and Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6 in Glenn Dale, for \$1,900.00 which Dianthia Stevens acquired from Gabriel DuVal by JWB #22;643.

JWB #22:643  
31 Aug 1892  
Deed

Gabriel DuVal of Baltimore, executor of Caroline L. DuVal, deceased, to Dianthia K. Stevens for \$350 at public sale, (passed by Orphans Court, 16 Aug. 1892, and confirmed), Block 6, Lots 3 and 4, Glenn Dale, as per plat JWB #6:209.



## MAYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Van Horne House</div>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">10911 Prospect Hill Road</div>				
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Glenn Dale</div>				
STATE <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Maryland</div>		COUNTY: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Prince George's</div>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY ---(Check One)---		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSION TO THE COLLECTION				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> L.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">R. Lee Van Horne, Estate of</div>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">10911 Prospect Hill Road</div>				
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">Glenn Dale</div>		STATE: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">Maryland</div>		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">Prince George's County Courthouse</div>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">Upper Marlboro</div>		STATE: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">Maryland</div>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION OF EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">None</div>				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. Description	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	

The house is a two story, frame structure of L-plan with a one story porch between the legs of the L. On the north and west gable ends are one story bay windows; the north gable has a fan-light. A broad fascia forms a frieze band below the boxed cornice, which returns into the gable ends.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b>			
<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prohistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PG: 70-26

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLYING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC	DATE: 15 Nov 73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

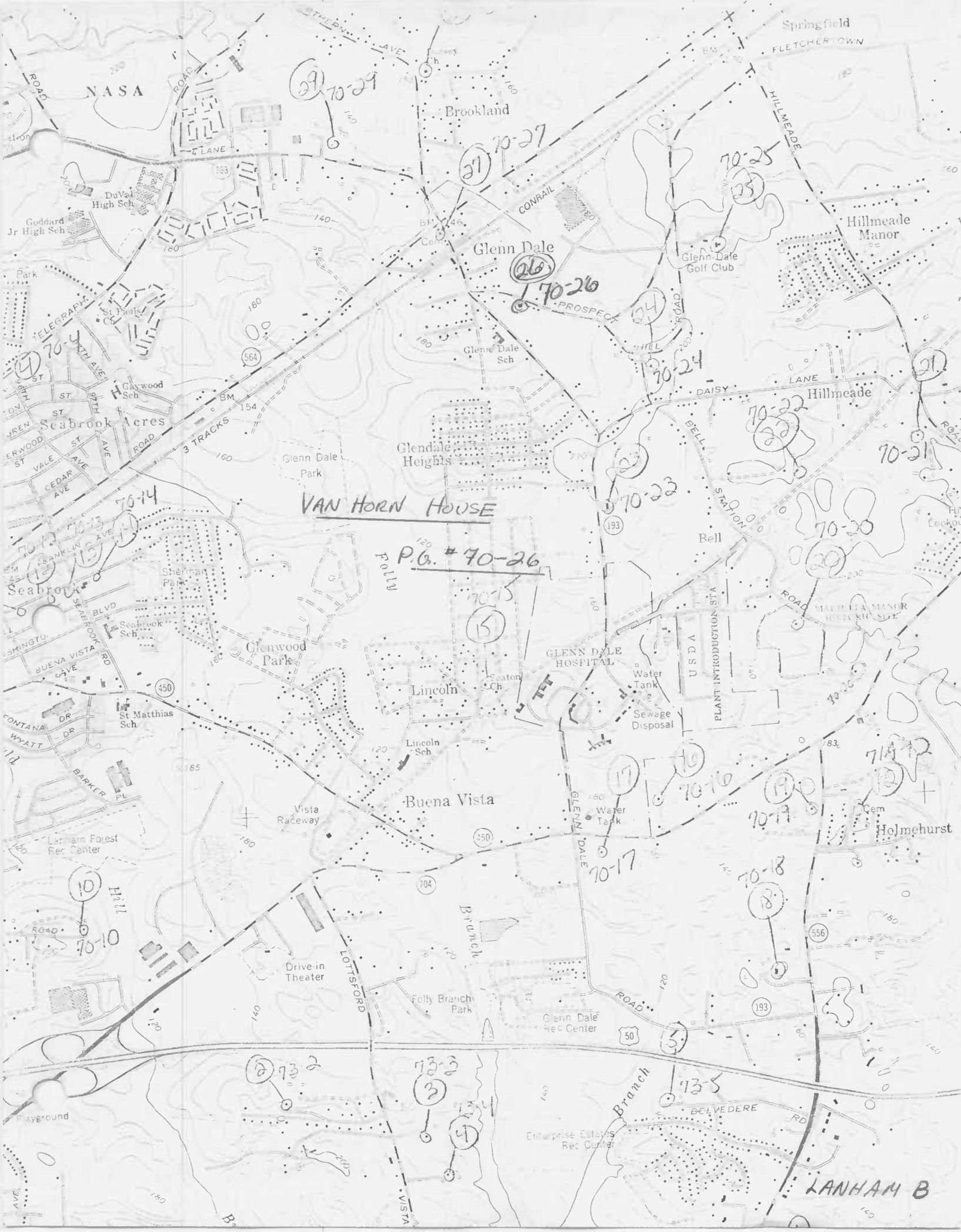
## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS





NAME VAN HORNE HOUSE

LOCATION 10911 PROSPECT HILL RD GLENN DALE, Md

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P.G.#70-26

Van Horn house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#70-26

Van Horn house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Van Horn house

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Southwest 3/4 elevation

NEG: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD





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Van Horn house

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West foundation, kitchen wing

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD